

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Friendship Folder and pass it to others seated on your pew.

Minute for Mission

Tica Dickman

Passing the Peace of Christ**Organ Voluntary** *O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing*

AZMON, arr. Douglas Court

Noah Adams, trumpet

Introit Hymn #184 *Calm to the Waves*

Thomas Pavlechko

†Call to Worship

Roy Kreitz

One: Give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart.

All: The Lord is gracious and merciful, ever mindful of the covenant.

One: The works of God's hands are faithful and just, established forever and ever.

All: Holy and awesome is God's name. God's praise endures forever!

†Hymn #662 *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

RATISBON

Ushers will collect yellow Prayer Request cards.

*Christ, whose glory fills the skies; Christ, the true, the only light;
Sun of Righteousness, arise; triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.
Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return till thy mercy's beams I see;
till they inward light impart, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.
Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiance divine; scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.*

Prayer of Confession

You have shown us, O God, what it means to follow you. Forgive us when we fail and again open our hearts and minds to your teachings. You modeled compassion in the person of Jesus Christ, but too often we do not extend kindness to strangers or friends. You challenged systems of injustice through the movement of your spirit, but we choose comfort over justice, the status quo over the kingdom of God. You create all things good, but we consider ourselves most important. Forgive us, O God. Pour your compassion on us this day, and by your forgiveness, show us how to share it with one another.

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.*

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Psalm 111

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations. The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

Anthem *The Greatest is Love*

Allen Pote

Nathan Gonzalez, flute

*Though I may speak with the tongues of mortals and of angels,
but have not love, I am a noisy gong, a clanging cymbal.
Though I have strong faith and can prophesy and understand all mystery,
but have not love, I am nothing.
Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, conceited, or proud.
Love rejoices not in wrong, but rejoices in the truth.
Love bears and believes, hopes and endures all things.
Love never ends. Love is eternal. Love never ends.
As for prophecies, they will fade and knowledge will pass away.
But as for love, love will never end.
And now abide these three: faith, hope, and love.
But of these three, the greatest is love.*

New Testament Reading Mark 1:21-28

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Sermon "*Astounded and Amazed*"

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair

†Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (p.35)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*"Silence! Frenzied, unclean spirit," cried God's healing, Holy One.
"Cease your ranting! Flesh can't bear it. Flee as night before the sun."*

*At Christ's voice the demon trembled, from its victim madly rushed,
While the crowd that was assembled stood in wonder, stunned, and hushed.*

*Lord, the demons still are thriving in the gray cells of the mind:
tyrant voices, shrill and driving, twisted thoughts that grip and bind,*

*Doubts that stir the heart to panic, fears distorting reason's sight,
guilt that makes our loving frantic, dreams that cloud the soul with fright.*

*Silence, Lord, the unclean spirit, in our mind and in our heart.
Speak your word that when we hear it all our demons shall depart.*

*Clear our thought and calm our feeling; still the fractured, warring soul.
By the power of your healing make us faithful, true, and whole*

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory *Cantabile from Sonata, (KV.67)*

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
arr. Sue Mitchell-Wallace and John Head

†Doxology

†Prayer of Dedication

†Hymn #796 *We Come to You for Healing, Lord*

LAND OF REST

*We come to you for healing, Lord, of body, mind, and soul,
and pray that by your Spirit's touch we may again be whole.*

*As once you walked through ancient streets and reached toward those in pain,
we know you come among us still with power to heal again.*

*You touch us through physicians' skills, through nurses' gifts of care,
and through the love of faithful friends who lift our lives in prayer.*

*Through nights of pain and wakefulness, through days when strength runs low,
grant us your gift of patience, Lord, your calming peace to know.*

*We come to you, O loving Lord, in our distress and pain,
in trust that through our nights and days your grace will heal, sustain.*

†Charge and Benediction

†**Response #765** *May the God of Hope Go with Us*

Argentine folk song

Postlude *Rondeau*

Jean Joseph Mouret
arr. Sue Mitchell-Wallace and John Head

*The Postlude is given as an offering to God. Please remain seated.
If you wish to express appreciation, please do so by saying "Amen."*

†*Please stand in body or spirit*

The Session has called the Annual Meeting of the Congregation to follow worship on Sunday, February 11. The purpose of the meeting is to receive reports from our ministries and the 2024 Budget and to vote on any changes to the Pastor's Terms of Call.

Flowers today are given to *the glory of God* by the Reed family in honor of Liz Reed's 76th birthday.

Worship in the Sanctuary is at 10:30 am each Sunday. Livestream can be found at fpcpasadena.org.

FPC Sunday School: All classes except Men's Bible Study begin at 9 am.

- **Sunday Morning Bible Study**—8:45 am in the Library. Led by Mark Corder.
- **Stepping Out in Faith**—Bride's Room & Zoom (contact [Bonnie Keith](#) for the Zoom link). Pat Abrams leads the current study of *Paul for Everyone: 1 Corinthians*, by N. T. Wright.
- **Current Christianity**—Room #8. Mark Clemmons leads the current study of *Reading for the Love of God: How to Read as a Spiritual Practice* by Jessica Hooten Wilson.
- **Kindergarten through 5th grade**—Room #7. Led by Bonnie Keith and Donna Gilchrest.
- **6th-12th grade** led by James Jackson and Brian Davis meets in Room #10.

First Sunday Lunch: Join us after worship on **February 4th** for good food and fellowship!

Birthday Celebration: The Walters family would like to invite you to help us celebrate Bruce Walters' 90th birthday! We will host an open house on **Sunday, February 11th from 2-4 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for some cake and fellowship! Please no presents, your presence is the present!

Shrove Tuesday: Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper and Music is **February 13 at 6 pm**. Fat Tuesday or Shrove Tuesday is part of the Mardi Gras celebration where people eat richer, fatter foods as a last indulgence before Lent begins. Pancakes are the traditional fare. Our Chancel Choir, in coordination with the Caring and Fellowship Ministry, will prepare a pancake supper and provide musical entertainment. Invite friends and family! Contact Carol Parks with any questions: 713-504-3455.

Old prescription bottles: If you would like to recycle used prescription bottles, PCM is collecting them for use in the Lord of the Streets ministry. Removing the label is recommended. A blue recycling container is located beside the PCM wagon near the doors of the Fellowship Hall.

Fundraiser for 85th Anniversary Celebration: Looking for a superb Super Bowl Snack? Amanda Hall, owner of A Nibble & a Bite, has generously pledged to donate proceeds from the sale of her **Charcuterie boxes** on Super Bowl Sunday to support the 85th Anniversary Committee's planning endeavors! Choose from two sizes: the Snack box, perfect for 2-3 people at \$25, or the Graze box, ideal for 5-6 people at \$50. To place your orders, kindly reach out to Tica Dickman or Betsy Marlow. The boxes will be available for **pick-up on February 11th**, either before or after the worship service.

Presbyterian Women will continue our study from the book *Sacred Encounters* by Olive Mahabir. **Day Circle will meet Tuesday, February 13th at 10 am**. The lesson will be taught by Carol Parks and hosted by Betsy Marlow and Margaret Robison. **For this month only, Night Circle will meet on Monday, February 19, at 6:30 pm** with Trixi Spires presenting the lesson and Ruth Askine hosting. Please join us at either meeting. Bonnie Keith will provide Zoom login information via email before each meeting. If you are interested in joining a circle, please contact Bonnie Keith or Melba Slaven.

Art Exhibit in Fellowship Hall: In conjunction with our hosting the Pasadena Community Ministries volunteer appreciation luncheon on January 22, FPC is hosting a photographic exhibit entitled "yard.less" for the month of January. Artist Todd Parker, who regularly volunteered with Lord of the Streets, interviewed, and photographed seven homeless people and created this exhibit in a quest to depict the homeless in a positive light. The term "yard" is slang for "home." He asked them to show him five objects which he also photographed. Today is the last day for you to read their brief stories and, using a form on the tables, try to guess which were their most valuable, unusual, rare, sentimental, and essential items. Take a moment to reflect on the items **you** would choose for each of these categories.

Remember in your thoughts and prayers:

Health concerns: Margaret Bardin; Carolyn Stratton; Emma Abrams; Scott Bash, Josephine Carter's brother-in-law; Jim Tinney; Frank Kucera; Maurice Barclay; Pat Pesl; Mike & Susan Wallace; Kay Hutson; Brad Stratton; Mary & Rex Knapik; Imelda Carrillo; Anne Berridge; Akilah Woods, friend of Samantha Cayton; Bill Myers, friend of John and Liz Griswold; Scott Moelman, Lou Anne Sinor's nephew; Sherry Sinor, the Sinor's daughter-in-law; Corrie Martinez, friend of Richard Heeth; Leah Slaven; Joan Gibertini's daughter, Deborah Gaskins; Ukraine and the Middle East.

Sunday, Jan 28	Sunday School-Men's Class—Library	8:45 am
	Sunday School-All Ages	9:00 am
	Fellowship—FH	10:00 am
	Worship Service	10:30 am
	Private Event—FH	1:00 pm
	Handbell Practice—#11	12:15 pm
	Ministerio Corban—FH	4-8:30 pm
Tuesday, Jan 30	Prayer Shawl—#10 & Zoom	1:30 pm
Wednesday, Jan 31	Baywood Crossing	10:00 am
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
	Private-Ministerio Corban—FH	7-10:00 pm
Thursday, Feb 1	Men's Breakfast—Frank's	7:30 am
	Intercessory Prayer—Library	11:00 am
	Chain Stitchers—FH	12:00 pm
	Yoga-Chair—FH	5:00 pm
	Chain Stitchers—#9	6:00 pm
	Yoga-Floor—FH	6:15 pm
Sunday, Feb 4	Sunday School-Men's Class—Library	8:45 am
	Sunday School-All Ages	9:00 am
	Fellowship—FH	10:00 am
	Worship Service	10:30 am
	First Sunday Lunch—FH	11:30 am
	Handbell Practice—#11	12:15 pm
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Mission Statement

"Our mission is to live and share the good news of God's love, grace, and mercy in Jesus Christ, to equip people for discipleship and service, and to work for social justice and peace."

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